

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT 1939.

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health & Sanitary conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area.

Total area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated Population (mid 1939)	-	4,936.
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1939	-	1,603.
Rateable Value	-	£28,199.
Sum represented by a penny rate	-	£108.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton weaving, cotton bleaching and calico printing. These occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of those employed and the district as a whole is healthy.

As Whaley Bridge was classed as a reception area under the Government's Evacuation Scheme, 452 children and guardians from the Manchester area were evacuated into this district immediately prior to the outbreak of hostilities.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1939.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births	61.	20.	41.
Legitimate	1.	-	1.
Illegitimate	2.	-	2.
Still Births			
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population		12.5	
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in England and Wales.		15.0	
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still) births		31.2	
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated average population		8.7	
Death Rate per 1000 " " " "			
in England and Wales.		12.1	
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	-		Nil.
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	M. 1 F. 0		
Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births -		16.1	
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births -		16.5	
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births -		Nil.	
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	4.	3.	7.
" " Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	1.	0.	1.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.	0.	0.

The general health of the district was good throughout the year with no epidemic or excessive mortality.

Causes of death are classified as follows:-

Senility 1; Suicide 1; other Violence 5; Heart Disease 14; Bronchitis 1; Pneumonia 1; Peptic Ulcer 1; Whooping Cough 1; Cancer 7; Liver Disease 1; Acute & Chronic Nephritis 2; Congenital Debility, Prem. Birth, etc.1; Other defined diseases 6; Other Circulatory Diseases 2.

Total Deaths 44. Males 18. Females 26.

Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

Systematic inspections of the district were carried out and all essential services such as Water, Sewerage and Refuse Collection and Disposal were satisfactorily maintained.

Factories Act.

No special measures had to be taken during the year and the general health of the workers remained good.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified. The district was remarkably free from infectious disease throughout the year. Considering the increased number of children in the area due to the reception of evacuees this result can be considered highly satisfactory and helps to prove the healthy condition of your district.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued gratuitously when required and is promptly used when necessary.

The district was free from any influenza epidemic during the year.

In April 1939 the Council commenced a Scheme for the free immunization against diphtheria for children between one and fourteen years of age. The response to this free service was not as gratifying as one would wish.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease.	Total	Under 1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Hosp.	Cases.	Deaths
	all	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	&		
	Ages		3	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Over		
Smallpox.													
Scarlet Fever.	1							1			0		0
Diphtheria.													
Enteric Fever (incl. uding paratyphoid)													
Puerperal Pyrexia													
Pneumonia.	4					2		1	1		0		0
Other dis:generally notifiable.													
Other dis; notifiable locally													
Totals.	5					2		2	1		0		0

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.								
1 - 5								
5 - 15.								
15 - 25.								
25 - 35.	1	1			-	-	-	-
35 - 45.								
45 - 55.								
55 - 5.	1				1	-	-	-
65 - Over.								
Totals.	2	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. G. ALLAN.

